

# FAQs - Nursing Program at Meredith College

## How do I apply to the nursing program at Meredith?

**The first step is to apply, be admitted, and enroll at Meredith.** Starting in fall 2025 and continuing every fall, currently enrolled Meredith students will be eligible to apply to the nursing program during the fall semester (after midterms) through a secondary application process.

## What is involved in the secondary application process?

Applicants must demonstrate their potential to be successful in a rigorous nursing program. The nursing program uses a holistic admission process that includes the following requirements & components:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 after the first semester of their freshman year
- Minimum grade of C or score equivalency on AP testing (see [Meredith Credit Opportunities for High School Advanced Placement Courses](#)) in MATH 175, BIO 112/142, and CHE 111/141
- Personal statements
- Two letters of recommendation
- Ability to meet Technical Standards (available at [meredith.edu/nursing](http://meredith.edu/nursing))

## How soon will I find out if I am admitted to the nursing program?

Students will find out the decision before the start of the spring semester after they apply.

## Can I apply to the nursing program as a transfer or second-degree student?

Transfer students and those pursuing a second degree are encouraged to apply to Meredith using established processes. They will first need to be accepted and enrolled as a Meredith student and then apply for the nursing program at the dedicated time during the fall semester. Due to the secondary application process timeline, second-degree and transfer students cannot be notified of their acceptance into the nursing program simultaneously with their acceptance into Meredith. We aim to improve and streamline the process for transfer and 2nd-degree students in the 2026-27 academic year. The first cohort of nursing students will graduate in May 2029.

## What classes should I take to prepare for the nursing program?

For high school students, we do not recommend specific courses. We encourage you to aim for a rigorous and well-rounded academic experience that builds a strong foundation in the sciences while developing your math, communication, and critical thinking skills. Beyond academics, get involved in activities that allow you to demonstrate leadership, collaboration, and a commitment to helping others.

Once enrolled at Meredith, students interested in applying to the nursing program should take the courses listed on the plan of study on the website. Students will work closely with their Student Success Coach to register for the appropriate courses in their first semester at Meredith. The full curriculum plan is located at [meredith.edu/nursing](http://meredith.edu/nursing).

### What are the requirements to remain in the nursing program?

Students in the program are required to maintain the following through the conclusion of their sophomore year:

- Overall GPA of 3.0,
- Minimum grades of B in BIO 338/348, BIO 339/349, BIO 224/244, and
- Minimum grades of C in PSY 100, FN 227, HED 200, and NUR 200.

The forthcoming Nursing Handbook will include additional requirements specific to the nursing courses and clinicals.

### When will the first cohort of students graduate from Meredith with their BSN?

The first cohort of nursing students will graduate in May 2029.

### What type of nursing will I be prepared for as a student at Meredith?

Meredith nursing students will be prepared as generalist registered nurses who can work in various settings with patients across their lifespans, families, and communities.

### What if I am not accepted into the nursing program?

Meredith has a strong history of preparing women for careers in science and healthcare. Students not accepted into the nursing program will be provided counseling regarding other majors at Meredith that promote health and well-being, such as public health, sociology, psychology, health, exercise & sport sciences, food and nutrition, or any STEM major.

### What is unique about Meredith's nursing program?

- Meredith offers the **only 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** in the Raleigh area.
- Students will find out if they've been admitted to the nursing program decision **before the start of the Spring semester**, unlike most other traditional nursing programs in N.C. when decisions are typically made available upon entering junior year.
- Meredith faculty bring **deep experience and knowledge** and extensive **connections within the healthcare field**.
- Meredith's emphasis on **individualized teaching** and **small class sizes** will foster students' academic growth and professional development.
- Because numerous Meredith graduates have gone on to earn nursing degrees, students benefit from an extensive **network of nursing professionals** representing a range of areas of focus.
- As a **women's college**, Meredith has unique programming to help students gain the skills and knowledge needed to **succeed in STEM fields**.
- With **640 clinical hours**, our curriculum focuses on active learning strategies and integrates evidence-based practice, clinical judgment, and skills to prepare students for the **dynamic and complex healthcare environment**.
- Meredith's program combines **high expectations** with **high support** to help every student succeed.
- Students will have the opportunity to **study abroad** through the Community and Public Health course.